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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1627

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Examiner: M. Garcia

APPLICATION NO: 09/754,958

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FOR: FLUORESCENT DYES (AIDA) FOR SOLID PHASE AND SOLUTION
PHASE SCREENING

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY AND AMENDMENT, DECLARATION, AND FORMAL DRAWINGS

This is in response to an Office Action dated April 9, 2002.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Page 79, line 5 through page 80, line 10, cancel all the text from "The new fluorescent..." through "...are disclosed".

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, replace the paragraph at line 3-8 with:

A is a solid support selected from standard materials applied in solid phase and solution phase organic chemistry (e.g. functionalized polystyrene based resins, polyacrylamide based polymers, polystyrene/polydimethylacrylamide composites, PEGA resins, polystyrene-polyoxyethylene based supports, Tentagel resins, PEG-polystyrene graft polymeric supports, glass surfaces, functionalized surfaces, materials grafted with functionalized surfaces, or polyethylenglycol). A

Page 66, line 8, replace "(ii) Figure 2" by -- (ii) FIGS 2a and 2b -- .

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-11 and add claims 12-16:

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